

Show the "Millers" Ball Team That We Like Them By Attending The Closing Games.

FROM THE EARTHQUAKE

The Russell Family had a little Exciting Experience

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Russell returned Tuesday morning from their summer trip to the city of Mexico, rather pleased to get back, the trip not having been altogether an enjoyable one.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell were in the City of Mexico at the time of the earthquake last week. Mr. Russell was awakened first by the quake and sprang out of bed. He turned on the lights, but a moment later they were extinguished and could not be turned on again. By this time Mrs. Russell was also awake, and hastily throwing some clothing on, they rushed down to the lobby of the hotel, from the third floor where they had slept. They found it full of terrified guests, whom they joined in the rush for the outdoors.

There were two shocks, each severe enough to make persons unacquainted with such phenomena, panic-stricken. The people rushed to the public squares and parks. The city was thrown into darkness by the temporary damage to the plant.

Mr. Russell says that he never saw such an electrical display as the clouds against the mountain presented during the earthquake. The experience was quite sufficient for the Kansans and they left for their home in Great Bend the next day.

Mr. Russell says that the feeling that passed over him at the time of the quake is one that he will never forget. The hotel that they were stopping in was a six story affair, their apartments being on the third floor. Very simply stood there wondering how he would feel when the three stories above came down and buried him between the upper and lower three, as it were.

Mr. Russell does not come back with a very optimistic view of the Republic. From his conversation we are inclined to think that the political unrest in the Republic is responsible therefore President Diaz is past eighty years of age, and his tenure of office will cease before long. Already there is a fight on between the Progressive element, which represents the present administration, and the reactionaries which party is composed principally of the peons and lower classes, those who do not take kindly to civilization and the true American spirit, and their strength seems to be about even. Should they win, investments by residents of this country will be in a hard row.

Alfred Kelling and family this week removed to their new location near Ford City, in Ford county.

The Palace Bowling Alley, Mr. Clarence Livingston, proprietor, has been opened up in the basement of the Asher building on Forest avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Deetz of Hutchinson are visiting W. R. Klindedst and his estimable wife. When Great Bend people knew Mr. Deetz he was one of the small boys of this city.

Announcement has been made of the appointment of J. A. McDonald of this city to a position in the inspectors department. Mac has for years held a run out of the post office department of this city, and he has scores of friends who are pleased at this recognition of his worth as a government employ. Here is hoping he will go still higher.

In conversation with David Harvey, who recently returned from the Bolinger ranch where he built some granaries, we learn that the Bolingers, also Clint O'Neil, who has one there, had a fine crop of wheat this year and were prospering very nicely. Th friends of these former Barton countryites will be very glad to hear this and hope for its continuance.

Obituary.

Ruth May Porter Nelson was born in Livingston county, Illinois, July 30th 1878 and died at her home in Great Bend, Kansas Barton County Thursday July 29, 1909, aged thirty-one years lacking one day. Deceased was married to Foyd Nelson December 21, 1898 and of this union there were born two children both of whom are left with the father to mourn the loss of one whom God saw fit to take at a time when there seemed to be such a great need of her here.

She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Walnut Valley about sixteen years ago. At that time the church was known as No. 40. There she was a most faithful worker. Later she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Great Bend of which she remained a member to the time of her death. One of her favorite hymns was "I must tell Jesus all of my trials." She knew that there is one who cares and to Him she looked for help.

In addition to her husband and his now two motherless children, Naomi Irene aged eight years and Frank Albert aged six, she leaves to mourn her going her step father Mr. James McCaffrey, who had been in the truest sense a father to her (she not knowing her own father who died when she was only a child), her brother James McCaffrey and two sisters Mrs. Sarah Wheeler of Great Bend and Miss Bessie McCaffrey.

Her mother and brother preceded her to the better land. She will be greatly missed. The circle is broken. The prayers of friends and the sympathy of the community goes to the sorrowing husband and children.

Pioneer Stafford County

P. is needed very bad in this vicinity.

Most every one is getting their threshing done and it is making more than expected.

Mrs. Edna Carry of Stafford is up spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. G. D. Estes.

Andy Boyd of Great Bend presented his two nieces, Florence Hill and Agnes Drew with a fine new buggy for a birthday present.

Miss Lena Schultz who has been here visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woelk the past six weeks returned to her home in Michigan last week.

Mrs. F. J. Powell's relatives of Ohio returned home Saturday after a couple of weeks visit here. Luther Converse and family, El Miller and family visited at Edl Gates Sunday.

G. L. Estes and family and Mrs. Edna Carry went down to St. John Friday afternoon on the auto for a pleasure trip.

Harper and Ezra Strickler and Ray Converse went to Great Bend Sunday afternoon on their bicycles to attend the ball game.

A. T. Fullerton and wife and Gusta Westerman visited at F. A. Broadbooks.

Mrs. Calvin Miller and children left on the train Sunday for Greensburg.

Morp Building

Work was begun this week on an addition to the east two rooms of the Fair block for a warehouse. The same will be twenty feet long and fifty feet wide, one story, built of brick. With this completed, the Great Bend Furniture Co. will be using the four store rooms, the four basements and the new ware room of this building.

Mrs. Will Kinney, and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Howes of Wilson, who is visiting here, visited friends in Larned this week.

The recent heavy rains have placed corn in this locality in excellent condition, but the rains are not general enough. To the north and west of us it is too dry to plow, and to the south about ten or fifteen miles corn is said to be suffering. John Rusco returned Wednesday evening from the Hudson vicinity, and said corn there was in a bad way.

Severe Storms

On Thursday afternoon and night of last week this section of the country was visited by a severe rain, and electrical storm, also in spots some hail. Fully three inches of rain fell. Among the reports of damage sustained we quote the following:

A bolt of lightning struck the light plant wires, causing trouble with the dynamo and a shutting down of power and lights for a time.

As usual in cases of electrical storms, a large number of telephones were put out of business.

Out at the Barker farm, north-west of town, a boy who is cape from death. When the rain came up he crawled out of the falfa stack to get out of the rain, but when it slackened a little he crawled on t and ran for the house. He had gotten only a couple of hundred yards away when a bolt of lightning struck the stack and burned it.

At the Caraway farm, in the same neighborhood the boys were working a short distance from a straw stack which was struck and burned. They did house any longer.

Tom Murphy had a valuable horse struck by lightning and killed.

The Ruhe boys had an alfalfa stack struck and burned up.

In spots out in Liberty township and in South Bend also the hail was heavy enough to knock out fruit, vegetables, and in some places damage to corn.

On the Bidleman farm on the south side a barn was blown over.

John Cook went to Spearville Tuesday morning on business.

Roy Hastings, who has had charge of the linotype at the Tribune, resigned his position last Saturday, and with his wife departed for Colorado City.

M. G. Falun, who for some time has been an employe of the Tribune, resigned Saturday evening and will engage in other work. He visited in Hutchinson Tuesday.

We made a business trip to Wichita the first of the week completing business connected with the purchase of the Clark Deebie job printing establishment in this city.

P. D. Ridenour, one of the pioneer and leading business men of Kansas City died this week. In the early eighties Mr. Ridenour was a pretty big stock man, and frequently held large bunches of cattle on the Rattlesnake and in the Salt Marsh country.

We met Nate Neal in Hutchinson this week. Mr. Neal is engaged in the real estate business in Alden, and is doing well. He seems prosperous and happy, like all fathers, delights in telling of the antics of their little girl. Nate's many Great Bend friends are pleased to know of his prosperity.

Mrs. Charles Allison Miss Grace Allison, Miss Stella Cornell, Mrs. Otto Patton and son departed for Colorado points Tuesday evening to escape the heat.

Noah Asher while engaged at his work at the round house, was a few days since so badly scalded that he has been forced to lay off for a few days.

Miss Rita Wollmann and Miss Hilda Benn of LaCrosse, who have been the guests of Miss Amy Porter, have returned to their home, after having a very delightful visit.

It pays to use good paint. Sherwin-Williams Brighten-Up Finishes are the standard of our country. Largest paint factory in the world. Sold only by Bondurant.

Senator Gore is blind but when it comes to voting on the tariff question he seems to be able to see better than some of the democrats who have eyes.—The Ocmomoner.

Base Ball.

Since our last issue the "Millers" have won a majority of the games played. On Thursday of last week they played Wellington on the home grounds, but it was no game, the rain putting a stop to proceedings in the last half of the fifth inning with the score standing 0 to 0. When the game was called Great Bend had a man on second, and one man down. On Friday the "Millers" won a 13 inning contest from Wellington, score 4 to 5.

Saturday a double header was pulled off with the same team. The home boys won the first game 2 to 1 and the second 4 to 3. This made an even break on the season with the "Dukes." On Sunday a transferred game was played with Lyons, the latter winning 5 to 1. On Monday and Tuesday the team played at Lyons, losing the first game 5 to 3, and the second 10 to 6. This wound up the season with Lyons getting 8 out of the 14 games. On Wednesday the final series with Newton was begun at home, the "Millers" defeating the "Railroaders" 3 to 1. This series finishes Friday. Then Hutchinson comes here for three games which will be the last to be played on the home diamond.

So if you want to see the home team at home, you have not much time in which to see it. The boys have played good ball. Show your appreciation by attending the remainder of the games. After Monday they are at Arkansas City for three games, Hutchinson for three games, and it is all over. There is a postponed game at Newton, but it will likely not be played. At this writing the team stands even 506, fourth place, and will doubtless finish in that notch, but with a little better percentage.

Remarkable Vindication

The democratic platform for 1908 contained the following plans:

"We favor an income tax as part of our revenue system, and we urge the submission of a constitutional amendment specifically authorizing congress to levy and collect tax upon individual and corporate incomes, to the end that wealth may bear its appropriate share of the burdens of the federal government."

Mr. Bryan endorsed this plank and urged the necessity of a constitutional amendment. President Taft, in his acceptance speech, insisted that an amendment was not necessary. For years the republican leaders have opposed an income tax and denounced the democrats for advising a change.

President Taft sends a message to congress proposing the submission of an income tax amendment and it passes the senate by a unanimous vote—77 ayes; and nays, none. And it will undoubtedly pass the house. Was vindication ever more complete?

Democratic governors in states having democratic legislatures ought to call extra sessions at once and secure immediate ratification of the amendment. Income tax clubs ought to be formed immediately in every county—non-partisan clubs to pledge members of the various legislatures to vote for ratification. Now is the time to act. The dollars have been enjoying an exemption denied to man. As the law is now the government in time of war can take the husband from the wife, the son from the mother and the father from his children, and stand them up in front of an enemy's guns, but it cannot even in the hour of peril, compel wealth to bear its share of the expenses of the government. The income tax amendment ought to be ratified at the earliest possible moment. Let democrats get to work in every community and invite republicans to join them. Now for the amendment specifically authorizing an income tax.—Bryan's Commoner.

Leo Kern and family have moved into the new Kern house on the corner of Williams and 11th. It with relatives.

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Marriage Licenses

Jacob Weier, Hoisington Mary Lambert, Hoisington. Married by Judge Hall. P. A. Hogan, Claffin, Minnie Eggers, Claffin. Harry Duncan, Great Bend, Grace Shopper, Great Bend. Peter L. Ochs, Boyd. Lydia Resner, Boyd. Scott Hayes, Claffin. Martha Krueger, Claffin. John H. Tucker, Great Bend, Lena Dahrmann, Great Bend. Joseph Geill, Cain, Kan. Matilda Beard, Okrun, Ind. Richard Smith, Beard City, Okla.

Georgia Etta Ruhe, Newton. John E. Murphy, Larned. Lizzie Wilhelm, Albert. Harry Dixon, Great Bend, Dora Hart, Great Bend. Guy Clayton, Great Bend, Zoe Anna Chapman, Great Bend, Okla.

The New Opera House

A large number of the citizens met the building committee of the Knights of Columbus at the Commercial club rooms last Monday night and discussed the opera house proposition.

The K. of C's made a proposition to build an opera house such as described in last week's issue of the Leader at a cost of \$22,000.00, provided the citizens of Ellinwood and vicinity will make a donation of \$5,000. The Order itself will raise \$17,000.

This looks like a fair proposition and all that were present at the meeting expressed themselves in favor of same. On motion Chairman H. E. Turck appointed a committee to interview the people and see how much money can be raised. This committee is to make their report at the meeting of the Commercial club next Monday night.

Now here is a chance to do something for Ellinwood. People have been without an opera house so long and have been wanting someone to build one for the past year. Now the Knights of Columbus make us a proposition to build an opera house that will be second to none in the state. In fact the plans furnished by the architect is said to be the City. If you want to boost Ellinwood, help build this hall that the whole county can feel proud of, see this committee, or when they call on you, do all in your power to help the thing along.

We understand Claffin raised \$2,000 in three hours when the question of building an opera house was brought up, and there don't seem to be any reason why Ellinwood cannot raise the \$5,000 asked for, when you stop to think what a house of this kind means for our city.

This donation is not limited to the city alone as anyone living in the country that feel as if he would like to help the city and the Knights get this building, can subscribe his share to the same and it will be appreciated. If the committee has not been able to see you, do not wait for them to come, they will be very busy in the short time they have to do the work in. If convenient look them up and put down your name for the amount you intend to give.

Boost the town, now is your chance to make Ellinwood the best town in the state. Do not be among the knockers, now come and join the boosters and watch Ellinwood grow. Help get the best opera house in the state.—Ellinwood Leader.

Clarence and Mrs. Brumbaugh were down from Albert this week.

Marshall Lawhorn of Pawnee Rock was in the city Wednesday.

Frank Hammond visited at Peabody the first of the week, and from there went to Haven to visit his family.

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Chapman-Clayton

Wednesday morning, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, occurred the wedding of Miss Zoe Chapman and Prof. Guy Clayton, Rev. Sutherland officiating.

The house was prettily decorated in smilax and cut flowers. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to about thirty-five guests.

The bride has always lived here and is known as one of the most amiable young ladies in the city. The groom is highly respected and during the time he has spent here, has gained a large number of friends.

The young couple leave soon for a trip to Colorado, after which they will be at home in Garden City.

The Democrat extends congratulations.

Dohrmann-Tucker

John H. Tucker and Miss Lena Dohrmann, two of the popular young people of the south side were married Thursday evening at 4 o'clock at the residence of Rev. G. W. Alford, in this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Dohrmann, who live near the south county line, while the groom is a son of Cap Tucker and wife, who live just over the line in Stafford county.

Both have a large circle of friends. They will make their home on a farm in their home neighborhood. The Democrat extends congratulations.

New Undertaking Parlors

The undertaking business of the Great Bend Furniture Co., has been increasing so rapidly in the past year that they have been compelled to secure more room for this line of work. The firm has rented the west room of the Fair block, formerly occupied by Fred Walker for a buggy room. They have had the same repapered, painted, partitioned off, and otherwise improved for use as an up-to-date undertaking establishment. Two rooms have been provided in the front end of the building, one as an office and the other as a dressing room. This latter is so arranged that it will be strictly private and exclusive. The center of the store room proper will be the casket display room, the caskets being on trucks and in glass cases. The room is sufficiently large to be used as a chapel for funerals. In the rear will be a morgue and the work room for trimming caskets, etc. The firm will begin using this room in the course of a week, and with this new arrangement will certainly have one of the most complete undertaking establishments in this section of the state.

A Base Ball Party

Arthur Meade had a birthday on Tuesday of this week, and his aunt very kindly spent a great deal of time and hard work to assist him in celebrating it. They held what might be called a base ball party. About twenty youngsters were invited and they chose sides for a game. They played about two hours, when time was called while they devoured a large watermelon, which had been kept on ice all day, hence was in just the right condition to be devoured. Then they finished their game. At six o'clock they were invited to the dining room where a supper was spread for them, which contained as many good things just what boys want, as they were capable of storing away. They had the best time in their lives, about, and we are sure when they all left for their homes in a very happy frame of mind, they did so with the very kindest feeling for little Arthur and his folks for having treated them so royally.

Are Bugs and Worms eating your cabbages, tomatoes, potatoes or trees? S. W. Paris Green or Arsenate of Lead will prevent them. Any size package, at Bondurant's.

Roy Redwine of the Bon Ton has gone east on a combined business and pleasure trip.